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Mother and Daughter Killed at Their Home in Tuckerton, Pa.

THE HOUSE CONSUMED BY FIRE

The Husband and Father, ex-Sheriff Becker, Had Placed Dynamite in the Kitchen Stove Oven To Thaw-Mysterious Explosion at Great Barrington.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 31 .- Mrs. Becker, wife of ex-sheriff Elias Becker, aged 54, and Mrs. William Seidel, her daughter, aged 30, were killed by an and does not exhibit the least trace of explosion of dynamite at Tuckerton, near this city, last evening. Mr. Becker had placed a quantity of the explosive in the oven of the kitchen stove for the purpose of thawing it | trip somewhere before returning to out. Shortly after doing so he went out. He had not been gone more her stay at the hospital Mrs. Castle than five minutes when there was a occupied a private room and was atterrific crash, and he hurried back to | tended by a trained nurse. By order the house. He was horrified to find of the attending physician, no visitors the mangled remains of his wife lying on the floor. His daughter, Mrs. Seidel, was not killed outright, but her body was so badly shattered that she died twenty minutes later. The dwelling, a handsome stone structure, caught fire and was consumed by the flames despite the gallant work of the neighbors. Mr. Becker is completely prostrated by the terrible affair. Another dynamite explosion of a somewhat similar character also occurred here yesterday, but with less fatal results. Willie Gantz, aged 12, picked up three small dynamite caps at one of the industrial establishments in this city. These be took home and spent a portion of the afternoon in throwing small quantities of the dynamite into the open stove. In some manner he accidentally dropped one of the caps into the coal bucket. Later his mother, Mrs. John Gantz, put some coal on the fire as she was about preparing the evening meal Suddenly there was an explosion, and two of her fingers and a thumb were blown off. Her right eye was also badly injured, and she may lose the sight of it. Bertha, aged 9, and Earl, aged 3, children who were standing near by,

Explosion in a Police Chief's Home.

were severely burned about the face

and arms, but their injuries are not

Great Barrington, Mass., Dec. 31 .-An explosion occurred at the home of Chief of Police Pilon vesterday aftermoon. Mrs. Pilon was in the front part of the house when a loud explosion was heard in the kitchen, and an investigation showed that the range had been blown to pieces. Pots and kettles were scattered about the room, and one of the store lids was blown through the ceiling. In the fire box was found a short piece of pipe, with a thread on each end, and it is surmised that some person, who had a grievance against the chief or his family, was seeking revenge.

CONNECTICUT BANKS.

Greater Number of Depositors and a Larger Amount to Their Credit.

Hartford, Dec. 31.—The annual report of the bank commissioners of Connecticut to Gov. Coffin says that the business transacted during the year has shown a satisfactory increase. There are a greater number of depositors as well as a larger aggregate amount to their credit. The increase in deposits is not confined to hanks in the cities and larger towns. The condition of all the savings institutions with the exception of a few is prosperous and satisfactory.

Owes \$1,000,000; Assets 5 Per Cent.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 31 .--Arthur H. Darling, aged 35, one of the largest builders in this city, disappeared from his home here on December 21, and nothing has been heard of him since that date. He had many contracts under way in Westchester, Wakefield and this city and it is said his liabilities on these will reach \$1,-000,000, while his assets will not average 5 per cent. of that amount. He is unmarried and came here from Boston about a year ago.

Counterfeiter A rested at His Work.

New York, Dec. 31.—Anton Schuck was arrested at No. 205 North Fourth street, Brooklyn, yesterday, by secret service agents on the charge of making and passing counterfeit five and ten cent pieces. He was found at work moulding some of the coin, and a counterfeiting plant was seized in his room. The officers say that the coins are not especially well made and believe Schuck to be a novice in the business.

Accused of Infringement of Patent.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 31.-The Newark and South Orange Railway companies have been cited to appear in the United States district court at Trenton to defend a suit brought by the Thomson-Houston company of Philadelphia for infringement of patent. These roads have, it is claimed, been using

RESTORED TO PERFECT HEALTH. Mrs. Castle Underwent an Operation at s Philadelphia Hospital.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Ella Castle, the wife of the San Francisco millionaire, who was admitted to the Polyclinic hospital about three weeks ago shortly after the return of the couple from their unpleasant experience in London, left that institution on Monday last, perfectly well. Mrs. Castle was suffering from an internal malady, and was successfully operated upon in order to restore her to her normal condition by Dr. L. W. Steinbach of the Polyclinic hospital. The physicians at the hospital state that Mrs. Castle is now in excellent health, her former malady. It is not known yet what are the future plans of the Castles, but it is thought that the husband and wife will take a short their home in San Francisco. During except her husband were allowed to

THREE YEARS FOR MURDER. Light Sentences Imposed Upon Premier

Stambuloff's Alleged Assassing. Sofia, Dec. 31.—The trial of Tufektchieff, Atzoff and Georgieff, alleged assassins of ex-Premier Stambuloff, which has been in progress here for several days, has ended by the conviction of Tufektchieff and Atzoff, and the acquittal of Georgieff. The convicted men were sentenced to three years' imprisonment each. The light sentences imposed upon the convicted men has caused no surprise, in view of the unconcealed bias of the court in their favor. Tufektchieff was formarly an employe in the ministry of public works, and Atzoff was the coachman who drove Stambuloff from his club to the place where he was set upon by assassins, July 15, 1895, dyingthree days later. Georgieff was formerly a servant of Major Panitza, who was executed at the instigation of Stambuloff for alleged conspiracy against the government.

Cause of the Selma, Ala., Bank Failure. New York, Dec. 31.—The Commercial bank of Selma, Ala., which failed yesterday, owed about \$450,000 to banks in New York. The cause of the failure of the Selma bank was probably not only the refusal of the New York banks to extend the loans to it, but a demand from them for repayments of the loans. The National City bank was a correspondent in New York of the Commercial bank, and its cashier, George S. Whitson, says: The Commercial bank owes considerable money to New York banks. The loans are to some extent secured by collateral and birls receivable, the value of which cannot in every case be determined at present."

To Operate Railroads in Honduras. Trenton, Dec 31 .- Articles of incorporation have been filed here by the Honduras syndicate, a company which expects to secure concessions from the government of Honduras and grants of land for the operation of several railroad systems. The company's capital stock is \$500,000 and the incorporators are Chauncey M. Depew savings institutions have been severely 1 of New York, William Seward Webb tested in point of strength and security | of Shelburne, Vt : John Jacob Astor during the year 1896. The volume of and Benjamin F. Tracy of New York Charles McVeigh of Morristown, N.

Chemical Association Formed.

Troy, N. Y., Dec 31 - Following are the newly elected officers of the Ameri- | interesting two-men team race for 100 can Chemical association: President, C. B. Dudley, Altoona, Pa.; secretary, Albert C. Hale. Brooklyn: treasurer, C. F. McKenna, New York: librarian, F. E. Dodge, New York; directors, H. W. Wiley, Washington: William Mc-Murtrie, A. A. Breneman, C. A. Doremus, all of New York; councilors, C. E. Monroe, Washington, J. H. Appleton, Providence; C. F. Chandler and William McMurtrie, New York.

Accused of Robbing the Malls,

New York, Dec 31.-William II. Post. a mail wagon driver, employed at the general post office, has been arrested and held in \$5,000 bail on suspicion of having robbed a mail pouch which arrived from abroad on the American line steamer Paris on December 2. It is said that subsequently, while enroute to Jersey City, Post threw the bundle of rifled letters into the North River. Post's home is in Kingston, N. Y.

Greater New York Commissioner Resigns.

Albany, Dec. 31.-Gov. Morton has received the resignation of Judge Garret J. Garretson of Queens county as a member of the Greater New York commission, and appointed as Judge Garretson's successor, County Judge Harrison S. Moore of Little Neck, L. I. Judge Garretson will assume office on January 1 as a justice of the supreme

C. B. Stevens Dead.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Charles Benjamin Stevens, register of deeds for Middle- this state at the Florida tobacco consex county, who died at his residence in Cambridge yesterday, aged 78 years, was an Odd Fellow, a Grand Army man and a member of the Loyal Le-

THE FRANKLIN FUND SPAIN IS SATISFIED

Originally \$1,000, It Has Now Swelled To \$360,000.

LEFT FOR NEEDY BOSTON MECHANICS

pended in the Erection of a Trades School at the Hub.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The appointment of trustees to administer the Franklin fund was considered in the Suffolk probate court yesterday by Judge Grant. When Benjamin Franklin died, in 1790, he gave by his will to the inhabitants of Boston \$1,000 sterling to be loaned out in small amounts to needy apprentices of the town at an annual interets of 5 per cent. This plan was to be pursued for a period of 100 years from the time of his death, when the fund, with its accumulations, should be applied to specified public objects. The management of this fund was directed by his will to be under the selectmen "united with the ministers of the oldest Episcopal, Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Boston." The fund today amounts to \$360,000, and the board of aldermen would like to appropriate it to the erection of a trades school. The case before the court yesterday was the petition of Mayor Quincy and the aldermen for the appointment of themselves and Revs. Stopford W. Brooke, Duane and Mc-Clellan, as the ministers of the three oldest churches enumerated in the will, as trustees to administer the fund. Ever since 1822, when Boston became a city, there have been no selectmen, and it is a question whether or not, since that year, there has been any trustee for the fund at all. The case was continued until Monday.

FOR A NATIONAL REGATTA. Arranging To Have a Series of Races on

the American Thames Next June. New London, Conn., Dec. 31.-A movement for a Henley-like series of races on the American Thames is assuming definite shape, although the first move is not for a week of racing. The board of trade of New London is sending circulars to more than 400 colleges and athletic clubs announcing the "Thames Regatta" at New London in June, 1897. The circular says: "As to the Thames course, the press of the praise as the only proper and desirable course that college crews should select, either for a triple contest or a national regatta of college oarsmen." The circular is signed by ex-Gov. Waller, A. H. Chappel, president of the board of trade: C. B Jennings, superintendent of schools, and others.

Close of Folk-Lore Society Meeting. New York, Dec. 31 -The American Folk-Lore society ended its annual meeting with a dinner at the Arena last night. The affair was entirely informal. There were no speeches. Thirty of the members, including several women, sat down to the table. Some of those present were: Prof. F. W. Putnam of Cambridge, Mass.; W. J. McGee, Washington; W. W. Newell, Cambridge, Mass.; Heli Chatelain, the African explorer; Stuart Culin, Philadelphia, and George B. Grinell, the Indıan explorer.

New Year's Shooting Match.

New York, Dec. 31 .- On New Year's Day at Hackensack, on the grounds of the Bergen County Gun club, a very targets has been arranged between the following experts: Edwards and Remsen, Neaf Appar and Tom Keller, and Van Dyke and Taylor. It is expected that some great shooting will be the result if the weather is right Tha condition are 100 clay targets.

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 31 .- The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: Pennsylvania-J. W. Doverspike, Brinkerton; J. K. Reddig, Brunnerville: J. M. Schneider, Rathbun; G. R. Leaman, South Williams-

Minneapolis' Latest Bank Failure. Minneapolis, Dec. 31.-The Bankers' Exchange bank, which has suspended payment, is a small concern, and its officers claim that they have enough money to pay every depositor and

Death of Truman N. Burrill.

New York, Dec. 31.-Major Truman N. Burrill died at his home in Brooklyn yesterday of apoplexy. During the war and subsequently he served on the staff of Gen. Sheridan, and was appointed by President Arthur chief of the engraving and printing bureau.

Florida's Tobacco Congress.

Albany, Dec. 31.-Gov. Morton has appointed Frederick Schroeder of Brooklyn; George Storm, Abraham Cohn and Carl Vogt of New York city as additional delegates to represent

No Public Bequests.

Boston, Dec 31.-The will of the late Wyseman Marshall, the actor, contains no public bequests.

No Complaint To Make Against Our Policy Towards Cuba.

SEXSATIONAL STORIES RIDICULED

Been Sounding European Powers Regarding Their Attitude in Case of Trouble with This Country.

Washington, Dec. 31. - The recent reports that the Spanish government was endeavoring to secure the cooperation of the great European powers to prevent by force if necessary the intersention of the United States in the Cuban insurrection, have no better authority than many other startling rumors that have been industriously circulated during the past few months. There is authority for the statement that the Spanish government is, generally speaking, entirely satisfied with the attitude of the United States with reference to the Cuban revolt. The governments at Madrid and Washington understand each other thoroughly, and the firm and dignified position of President Cleveland, not only in preserving a strict neutrality between the contending forces, but in public announcing purpose to do so, furnishes the strongest proof to the Spanish ministry that the intention of this country is to take no step that could be regarded as unfriendly or tending in any way to embarrass the Spanish crown. If additional evidence were needed to assure the world that Spain can find no fault with the attitude of the Washington government it will be found in the notification which the Madrid foreign office has made to the Spanish diplomatic representatives in Great Britain and on the continent state department to-day it is learned that as soon as that portion of the president's recent message to congress relating to the Cuban situation had been translated, copies were sent to the Spanish ministers at the various Eurpean capitals with the added statement that the Spanish government was entirely satisfied with the president's utterances. In these circumstances, the reports which convey the impression that Spain is testing the friendship of the European powers with a view to securing their assistance in preventing an anticipated intervention on the part of this government are pronounced absurd. This is especially the case when it is remembered that the greater part of Cuba is now in a peaceful condition; that in many provinces the crops are now being planted, and that abundant reasons axist for believing that a successful revolt in the island against the Spanish government cannot be much longer

continued. GRANTED CLEARANCE PAPERS. The Dauntless and Commodore To Sail with Munitions of War for Cuba.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31 .- Instructions have been received by the collecier of the port to grant clearance papers to the Dauntless with a cargo of munitions of war for Nuevetas, Cuba, and require master, owner and consignors to make oath, required in sections 4197, 4198 and 4200 revised statntes. This oath is the same required of masters of all vessels with general eargoes bound to foreign ports. In consequence of this authority, the owners of both the Dauntless and Commodore are preparing to send heavy cargues of arms and munitions of war to Cuby. The clearance of the Dauntless was authorized in the following communication from the collector of the port to the owner of the vessels: "Sir-Responding to your application made yesterdy of clearance for the steamer Dauntless, I have to inform you that I am authorized by the honorable secretary of the treasury to clear said steamer Dauntless in a strictly regular way for the port of Neuvitas." All indications point to the loading and departure of thece two vessels within the next forty-eight hours. Regular clearance papers will be secured for them, under the secretary's ruling, from the custom house. SAGASTA ON CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The ex-Premier Says European Govern-

ments Are in Sympathy with Spain. Madrid, Dec, 31 .- A report of an interview with ex-remier Sagasta, the leader of the Spanish liberals, is published in El Liberal, in which he is represented as saying that Europe is in sympathy with Spain in her maintenance of sovereignty in Cuba, but that Europe also wishes to see the establishment of reforms in Cuba. Senor bugasta further expresses his belief that Premier Canovas only awaits a report from Gen. Weyler that the province of Pinar del Rio is clear of rebels to grant reforms and later autonomy, The ex-premier is also quoted as saying that Gen. Weyler is himself an obstacle to the pacification of Cuba, being incapable of coping with the re-

Ruthand Railroad Dividend.

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 31 -The direccors of the Rutland railroad have deslared a dividend of 1 per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 2.

WILD SCENE IN A COURT ROOM. A St. Lonis Man Wounds His Wife, Her

Uncle and Tries To Shoot Himself. St. Louis, Dec. 31.—During the pro-

gress of his wife's suit for divorce in the circuit court yesterday Jacob Fischel attempted to kill his wife, her uncle Julius Schrieber and himself. Mrs. Fischel was in court attended by a number of friends, and by her attorney, Walter McEntire. During the proceedings Fischel arose with a motion to have Judge Wood set aside a decree for alimong. While he was talking Attorney McEntire motioned Mrs. Fischel to leave the court room with him. They started out, followed by Julius Schreiber, and had just reached the door when Fischel drew a revolver and began shooting. One bullet passed through Attorney McEntire's overcoat and struck Mrs. Fischel in the back of the left shoulder. Her uncle ran to her assistance, and as he was bending over the prostrate woman Fischel fired a bullet into Schreiber's breast. He turned the weapon on himself, but Attorney McEntire struck his arm and the bullet lodged in the floor. The wildest confusion reigned in the crowded court room. Spectators rushed screaming from their seats, lawyers jumped behind the benches, and Judge Wood ran from the bench The doors were barred before Fischel could escape, and he was finally taken to the police station by a squad of policemen. Dr. William F. Kier attended Mrs. Fischel and Mr. Schreiber, and says their wounds, although serious, are not necessarily fatal.

Anna Demar Found.

Buffalo, Dec. 31.-A dispatch from Saginaw, Mich, says: Anna Demar, the Buffalo young woman whose disappearance a week ago to-day created a sensation, has been found in a brush heap on a farm about half a mile from the city. She was dazed Through advices which reached the and partially unconscious. She is now at the Saginaw hospital under medical treatment. She can give no account of her whereabouts.

Miners Denounce Ohio State Officials.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—The state miners' convention has adopted resolutions severely denouncing state officials for purchasing coal for the state institutions from mines in which scab miners are employed. It was stated that sixteen state institutions were using coal from West Virginia-in all 12.000 tons a year-all mined by nonunion miners.

Appointed by Gov. Morton.

Albany, Dec. 31.-Gov. Morton has appointed Major-Gen. Edwin A. Mc-Alpin, N. G., S. N. Y.; Col. William Cary Sanger, assistant chief of artillery, and Commander Jacob W. Miller of the state naval militia as delegates to represent this state in the convention called to meet at Tampa. Fla, on January 20, to consider the subject of ectist and harbor defences.

Maine's Fishing Freet.

Augusta, Me, Dec 30 -The biennial report of O B Whitten, commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, just submitted to the governor and council, shows that 512 vessels are licensed, measuring 10.122 tons, being 75 more than two years ago. There are 14,690 persons connected with the

No Pardon for Banker Koetting.

Madison, Wis , Dec. 31 .- Gov. Upham has refused to grant a pardon to exbanker J. B. Koetting of Milwaukee. Koetting was cashier of the Milwankee South Side Savings bank, in the failure | ed, on account of the mutterings of the of which many small depositors lost their money, and was sentenced to five years in state prison for embezzlement.

Suicide of an Insurance Broker,

New York, Dec. 31 .- Henry M Weed, an insurance broker, committed suicide last evening, by leaping from the rear window of his residence on West 128th street to the flagging below, a distance of over fifty feet Recent business reverses is given as the cause of the act.

China's Ambassador and Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 31.-The North German Gazette, a semi-official journal, confirms the statement that Germany refuses to accept the newly appointed Chinese ambassador. The refusal, the Gazette says, is based upon personal and essential reasons.

Big Orders for Bath Iron Works. Bath, Me , Dec 31 .- The Bath Iron works have been awarded a contract for two big lightships and one lighthouse tender, to cost \$320,000, so that

the job will keep the works going full

Loring-Carew Wedding. London, Dec. 31.-F. W. Loring of

Boston, Mass., was married in this zity yesterday to Miss Caroline Pole Carew. The ceremony was performed m St. Peter's church, Eaton square.

Mrs. Beecher Better.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 31.-Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher is this morning reported more comfortable, and it is believed there is now a fair hope of her recovery.

Monterey Sails for Santa Barbara. Washington, Dec. 31.—The monitor Monterey has sailed from Monterey for Sai & Barbara.

Head of the Montreal Catholic Arch-Diocese Passes Away.

CLOSE OF A MOST BRILLIANT CAREER

He Stood Out at Many Critical Periods in Canada's History for Its Best Interests --- Devoted Champion of Temperance.

Montreal, Dec. 31. - Archbishop Fabre, the head of the Roman Catholic arch-diocese of Montreal, died shortly after 11 o'clock last night from cancer of the liver. He was 69 years old.

The late Edouard Charles Fabre was the third bishop of the former diocese of Montreal and first archbishop of the present archdiocese of Montreal and metropolitan of the province of Montreal, comprising with this diocesa those of St. Hyacinthe, Sherbrooke and Valley Field. As the Catholic population of the archdiocese exceeds 400,000 it is one of the most populous in North America. The late archbishop was in his 70th year, having been born in Montreal, Feb. 28, 1327. After a classical course extending over some seven years his parents sent him to Paris in 1843, where he spent some eighteen months. On Sept. 7, 1844, ha assumed the cassock at Chatenay, and on October 18 he entered the Sulpician seminary at Issy. In 1846 the young ecclesiastic visited Rome and had the honor of an audience with Gregory XVI.—in after life he had the same honor conferred on him on several occasions by Popes Pius IX. and Leo XIII. Shortly after he returned to Montreal and became attached to the bishop's palace. He was ordained to priesthood in 1850 and for nearly twenty years was one of the prominent priests in the diocese. In 1876 he became bishop of Montreal In 1886 at the time of the elevation of Mgr. Taschereau to the rank of cardinal Mgr. Fabre was made archbishop and placed at the head of the ecclesiastical province of Montreal. At many critical periods in the city's histary he stood out for its best interests, notably at the time of the Northwest rebellion and in the small-pox epidemic. Temperance had a devoted champion in him, and he never turned his back on an undertaking which could advance its interests.

DISEASES IN CUBA.

Report of Sanitary Inspector Burgess to the Marine Hospital Service.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Sanitary Inspector Burgess, United States marine hospital service, in a report to the marine hospital service or smyl-pox and yellow fever in Cuba caucig the first two weeks in December, says that nearly all spreading diseases have somewhat diminished except smallpox, which has increased. During the week ending December 17 there were 306 deaths in Havana, 55 caused by yellow fever with about 150 new cases; 57 small-pox with 500 new cases; the remainder by other causes. Fifty-two of the 55 deaths from yellow fever were among Spanish soldiers.

Lynching Foured at Salem, Ind.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 31.—The jail at Salem, Ind., in which are confined police detective John Sexton, assistant jailer John Brown, and Richard Land, all of Louisville, who while in search of an escaped prisoner, shot John Rippey, an innocent man, is being guardangry populace. Gov Matthews came down from Indianapolis to see that order is being preserved. The grand jury is investigating the case.

Briggham for Secretary of Agriculture, Sand Lake, N. Y., Dec. 31.-On the closing days' session of the Farmer's Institute, which commenced here Tuesday, a petition was circulated and was largely signed, setting forth the claims of J. W. Briggham, worthy master of the National grange, for secretary of agriculture in the cabinet of presidentelect McKinley.

New Presidential Postoffices.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Beginning tomorrow the following fourth-class postoffices will be advanced to the presidential class: Connecticut-Hampton. Massachusetts-South Ashburnham. New Jersey-West Orange. New York-Lawrence Station. Pennsylvania-Dunbar, Galeton, Etna, New Wilmington, Peckville, Eppery Rock.

Knocked Out in the First Round.

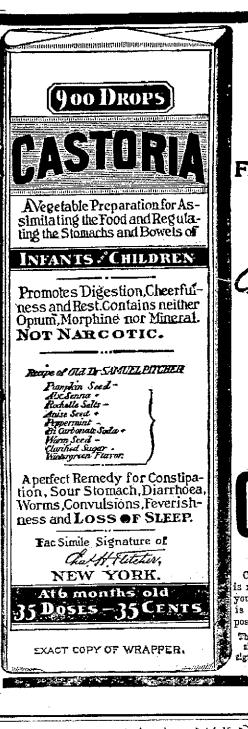
Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 31.-"Con" Doyle of Chicago knocked out Mike Farrell of Buffalo, welterweights, in two minntes and a half of the first round before the Queen City club last night.

Ministerial Call Accepted.

Hartford, Dec. 31.-The Rev. H. C. Bailey of Tallahassee, Fla., has accepted the call to the Wooster street Baptist church, and will be settled here the 1st of March.

Interstate Baseball League. Pittsburg, Dec 31.-President Pow-

ers of the Interstate Baseball league has sent out notices for a meeting of the league to be held at Toledo, O., on January 27.



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SENATORS SPIN YARNS.

How Jones, of Nevada, Got Even with Senator Brice.

amusing Experience of a Buffalo Man in Bohemia - How Ben Butler Once Upon a Time Averted a Catastrophe.

[Special Washington Letter.]

It was a dull day in the senate, and the statesmen were in a story-telling wood in the cloak rooms. Senator Jones, of Nevada, the silver champion, is one of the best and wittiest storytellers in congress, and Senator Brice, of Ohio, is like unto him. When they get together the play of witticism and repartee is as glittering and brilliant as the play of forked lightning. They are constantly chaffing each other. Senator Brice told a perfect string of stories on Senator Jones this afternoon, holding him up to ridicule, and keeping up such a rapid fire of con-



JONES AND THE CHAMBERMAID.

word edgeways. Finally, when Brice was taking a drink of water, Senator Jones said:

"I want a chance to tell what I heard about Brice in Paris. I was coming home from the Brussels monetary conference. Senator Allison and Senator Morgan preceded me through Paris. and I was all alone in my hotel. Somehow it got abroad through the hotel that I was a United States senator, and then there was trouble for me. You see Brice had stopped at the same hotel the previous summer. I did not know that. Consequently I was surprised one morning when a chambermaid asked me for my pocketbook. When I showed it to her she bowed, smiled, thanked me, and left the room, carrying with her my pocketbook which contained about \$50. One of the bell boys took my watch off of the bureau, put it into his vest pocket, bowed to me, and went away. The waiter in the cafe brought me a bill for dinner, which was four times the amount charged on the bill of fare. That all happened in one day. I sent for the chief clerk and asked him what kind of a robbery he kept. I told him to give me my bill, recover my purse and watch, and I would go away. He replied:

"'Sair, eet moost be all von grand meestake. Zey t'ought ze monsieur is n sen-nat-or from ze Amerik. Las' soomer ze gre't sen-nat-or Breccy vos here. He vos mooch reetch. All ze sairvants say ze gre't Sen-nat-or Jones, he is also rectch, an' zey take what zey vant, for ze gre't Sen-nat-or Breecy, he nevair care for ze moony, he had moony

"I informed him," continued Jones, "that I was indeed a member of the United States senate, but that all members of that body were not natural born fools, nor all of them possessed of money to 'boorn.' I told him that fortunately there was but one Senator Brice, and that he gave away money to make himself popular in spite of his homeliness."

So, you see, that the statesmen are thus given to chaffing each other at times, just as the boys chaff each other at school. As has been said before: "Men are only boys grown tall. Hearts

don't change much, after all." "Speaking of Europe," said Senator Cullem, of Illinois, "reminds me of a story Bob Ingersoll used to tell just after the close of the civil war. Col. Bob went to Europe for a summer trip and while riding in an English compartment car he was tackled by a poinpous Britisher who affected to know all about America. He was abusive of the people of the north, and expressed his deep regret for the defeat of the confederacy. Ingersoll quietly and unpretentiously prodded him with epigrams. The Englishman denounced the freedom of the slaves, but Ingersoll defended the emancipation proclamation in his incisive way, until the others in the compartment were roaring with laughter. The angry Briton finally resorted to the old argument, caying: "I suppose you would let your daughter marry a nigger, wouldn't Ingersoll replied: "No. Nor an Eng-

lishman either, if I could help it."

Senator Sherman told of a Col. Markbreit, of Cincinnati, who was obliged to remove his Loyal Legion button while he was in Europe, because it was taken as an insignia of royal favor, and wherever he went he was charged double and triple prices for whatever he bought, from a pin to a dinner.

This reminded Senator Davis of a story by Eugene Field concerning one James I. King, of Buffalo, who visited he Bohemian spa for treatment, and the local press by a natural blunder reported him as James I., King of Bufdalo, America. The blunder seemed humorous enough at first, but presently serious symptoms were exhibited. The parvenus, the sycophants, the fuft hunters, the snobs, the parasites and the beggars swooped down on poor King; the hotel people fleeced him, and there seemed to be a general conspiracy to mulct him. In vain he cago Post.

sought to convince his persecutors that it was a hideous mistake—that he was he royal personage. He actually had to leave town, and wherever he went afterwards he registered as Thomas Thompson, of Boston. Only by living under an alias could he afford to "do"

"Your story about Ingersoll," said Senator Perkins, of California, "reminds me of an American gentleman who was recently at a dinner party in London, and had a rather curious experience. There was also present an extremely axistocratic but insular Briton, with that large contempt for things American that even to-day a few Englishmen display. Nevertheless be deigned to notice the American gendeman so far as to ask him a great number of questions about the United States, some of them very ludicrous. Finally the question of geography came up, and the Englishman inquired as to the relative size of Texas, the largest state. "Well," replied the American, "it is about as large as England, Ireversation that Jones couldn't get in land, Scotland, Wales, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, Portugal and Greece combined." It became at once evident that the questioner not only disbelieved the statement, but was indignant at what he regarded an attempt to chaff him. Indeed, after dinner he complained to the host about 'the ill-breeding of the American in trying to hold up to ridicule an English gentleman." Senator Lodge, who just came into

the cloak room, and had not heard the stories of Europe, told a good story nbout Ben Butler. At one time Ben Butler, then living in Lowell, was chairman of a meeting held in the town hall. Rufus Choate, great orator and jurist, was booked for an address. The hall was filled-packed in fact-with many thousand people. Mr. Choate was about to begin his address when a man crawled up to Butler and whispered to him that the joists in the floor and the supporting beams were giving way because of the heavy pressure on the floor and they were likely to collapse at any moment and loss of life ensue. Butler turned to the man and whispered to him: "Keep quiet." Then turning to the audience he said: "Ladies and gentlemen: We are assembled here to hear, the matchless oratory of the great Bufus Choate. A man has brought me information that outside of this hall there are not less than 20,000 people who are clamoring for admission. Now, I don't think it will be fair for us to monopolize the utterances of Mr. Choate, and therefore I propose to adjourn this meeting to the common. where all can hear him. Now, follow my advice and we can get out quickly and easily without any difficulty. You men down in the back rows next the doors, arise, leave your seats and leave the ball. As soon as you have gone the next row to you rise and do the same,



and so on until we leave the hall. Now start along there, and just see how quickly we can empty this hall." Meanwhile Choate was tugging at Butler's coat tails and saying: "Ben, don't! Stop, Ben! Why, bless me, man, I can't speak without my manuscript; I can't see to read on the common; my voice won't earry in the open air; I can't make them hear," and so on. After so much of the audience had left that Butler was satisfied that the strain on the timbers supporting the floor had been relieved, he turned to Choate and said: "Say, Choate, would you rather deliver this speech here on the common or in

SMITH D. FRY.

Shoes with Stoves in Them. An effective means of warming the feet has been patented in Germany. The inventor calls it "heatable shoes." Within the heel of the shoe, which is hollowed out, there is a receptacle for a glowing substance, similar to that used in the Japanese hand-warmers, says Popular Science News. Between the soles, imbedded in asbestos covers, is a rubber bag, which is filled with water. The water is heated and as it circulates while the wearer of the shoe is walking it keeps the surface of the foot warm. A small safety valve is provided, so that the bag cannot burst. The warmth given by this sole never riser above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and will last about eight hours. The sole is slightly thicker than that of a wetweather boot.

Peacock Plumes Not Unlucky. Peacock feathers do not bring ill-luck, according to Mr. St. Clair Baddeley in a recentissue of Notes and Queries. In China, from which the bird first came, it is a bird of good omen. In Russia the feathers are a charm against the evil eye. The early Christians used the peacock as a symbol of immorality. Louis IX. wore a peacock feather in his helmet, and the early Italian and Flemish painters placed them in their angels' wings. The superstition that the feather brings bad luck must be a very modern one.

Not Superstitious.

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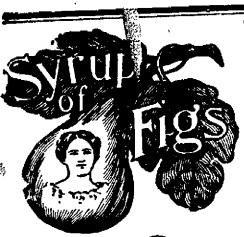
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GHASTLY RELICS. Articles Used by Patients in the Mattea-

wan Asylum Who Were Tired of Lite. From the Newburgh Register. At the State Hospital for insane convicts at Matteawan are exhibited various articles used by patients for committing suicide, which have been secured through various methods. There are a darning needle four inches long, an ordinary needle and several pins, swallowed by Antone Werner, sent to prison for life from Poughkeepsie for murdering a man. At the time of swallowing these Werner cut his throat, and a tracheotomy tube was used for respiratory purposes and his life saved. On another larger card, n the same room, are nearly one hundred bits of glass, whole and broken needles, pins, bits of wood, varying from a quarter of an inch to four inches in length, which have at various times been removed by the medical staff from the arm of Helen Miller, which had either been placed there by herself, or had worked their way to her arm from the stomach.

WURTSBORO-

and which were intended by her to cause

Married at at. Joseph's Church-St. Joseph's Fair-In the Hoop Business-A Kind Remembrance—Family Reunion _ather Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY, -At St. Joseph's Church, Sunday, at 4 p. m., Rev. M. J. O'Connell united in marriage Joseph Burns, of Kingston, and Miss Catherine McKeou, of Westbrookville. John, a brother of the groom, and Mary, a sister of the bride, acted as groomsman and bridesmaid. The happy couple left at once on the milk train for Kingston where they will begin house keeping. We extend congratulations.

-St. Joseph's fair at Dorrance Hall is proving a great success. It closes with a grand ball and supper on Friday evenng, Jan. 1st.

-Miss Katie Romer received as a Christmas gift from her parents a handsome parlor organ.

-Millard Division of Railway Conductors, with characteristic liberality, remembers the widows of their deceased brothers. Among the happy recipients of its bounty was Mrs. VanKeureu, who was, on Christmas Eve, presented with a splendid set of solid silver spoons.

Elmer E. Smith drove to Middletown with sleighs, Dec. 23. He was the first of the season.

-The Mt. Prosper Fur Co. shot two red foxes, last Tuesday. -Joe Holmes is buying furs and skins

in large quantities from local trappers. -Ches. Stanton has ten men at work turning out 20,000 hoops weekly.

-The children of the late Cornelius Stanton had a pleasant reunion Sunday. the first in over twenty years. They attended the Reformed Church in a body. and later were photographed. They are Maurice ("Mot") and Cyrens, of this village; Ira. of Liberty; George, of Adrian, Mich., and lantha, wife of John Dunston, of Franklin Furnace, N. J. Their combined weight is, by the way, over 1,000

-Mr. and Mrs. Abram Peck were agreeably surprised Christmas forenoon by the arrival of their children and grand children residing in Middletown and Newark, N. J. An elaborate turkey dinner and oyster supper was served by the guests who took rull charge. They returned to Middletown about 10 p. m.

-Among the Christmas visitors we noticed Dr. Geo. H. Sayre, of Brooklyn: Mr and Mrs. Chas. Roesch and J. Roesch. Jr. of Otisville; Miss May Dodge, Middletown, Harvey Harris, of German-

-Mrs. Fred Harding returned from the hospital in New York, last week. She is rapidly recovering.

-William G. Bennett, collector, will receive taxes as follows: Wurtsboro, Jan. 18; Bloomingburgh, Dec. 31 and Jan. 20; Phillipsport, Jan. 4 and 22. Westbrookville, Jan. 6 and 25; Winterton, J.m. 8 and 28; Summitville, Jan. 9 and 27, High View, Jaa, 15, Burlingham, Jan. 12, and at his home at High View on all other days until Feb. 1, 1897.

DECKERTOWN,

Items of Purely Personal Interest.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCLRY -Misses Emma Grey and Nana Kinney (are visiting at W. J. Kinney's in East Deckertown.

-Misses May and Lena Ewald are spending the holidays in New York city. -Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Cannon and daughter are spending the holidays in and near Deckertown.

-Miss Florence Wright, of New York, is visiting her cousin, Miss Ethel Van Gaasbeck.

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ZUKER BACK IN THE TOMBS. The New York Fire Bug Taken from Sing

Sing on a Writ of Habons Corpus. New York, Dec. 31.-Isaac Zuker, the convicted fire bug was brought to the supreme court from Sing Sing yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus obtained from Justice Pryor for his production, it being held that his confinement there was without a warrant of law in face of the stay granted by Justice Pryor pending an argument for a certificate of reasonable doubt. His wife and daughter were in the corridor when he came into the court room, but were excluded. Lawyer House stated in court that it was necessary to have the prisoner remanded back to the Tombs under the stay. The argument on the order to show cause why the deputy sheriff should not be punished for contempt of court in not notifying the warden of the stay and for violation of the atay would be heard later, Mr. House said. Justice Pryor remanded Zuker back to the Tombs. Lawyer House said the proceedings against the deputy who took Zuker to Sing Sing would be pushed. The sheriff, however, was in no way liable, he said, the fault being with the deputy.

DR. RIZAL SHOT.

Sentence of Death Carried Out on the Promoter of the Philippine Revolt.

Manila, Dec. 31.—Dr. Rizal, who is esserted to have been the promoter of the revolt against Spanish authority in the Philippine islands, and who was some time since returned to Manila from Barcelona at the request of the military judge, was shot on the 28th inst. An engagement between the Spanish forces and rebels in the vicinity of Puinac resulted in the defeat of the insurgents, who, it is said, lost 360 men killed. The date of the angagement is not given.

Lasker-Steinitz Chess Match.

Moscow, Dec. 31.—The score in the Lasker-Steinitz chess match now stands: Lasker, 8; Steinitz, 2; drawn, 4. The last game lasted more than thirtysix hours, exclusive of time lost by adjurnments, and was won by Lasker liter forty moves.

FEMININE SUICIDES.

Women Take Polson Where Men Shoot Themselves

Statistical tables yield curious information to the careful student, says the Philadelphia Times. For instance, they show that over one-third of the women who kill themselves are not yet 25 years of age. They show that women take poison, where men shoot themselves, and they show that the poor, sick and the infirm are not by any kind of reckoning in the majority. A physician who makes a study of attempted suicide said this:

"Get a girl past 25 and she'll go through poverty, sickness and desertion and misery enough to kill ten men. The more people suffer the more they cling to life. I've seen it in the hospitals. It is not the patients with the incurable diseases or the hopeless cripples who beg to die, but the young, strong, vital woman, who hates pain and doesn't want to suffer it, even for the chance of getting well. It is a strange thing, this getting of a girl past 25, but not uncommon. Any physician with a large family practice will tell you of a dozen cases in his own circle of knowledge. Sometimes it is called pyromania, sometimes kleptomania, sometimes catalepsy, sometimes hysteria, sometimes feigning and sometimes tantrums-it's all the same thing-nothing else to do. Another physician told of a girl who committed suicide and who left a note stating that her reason was that she was tired of doing the same things over and over every day. The monotony of life had become unbearable to her.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat-Steady; moderately active. Dec., 91 1/4c.; May, 89 1/4c.

Corn-Spot quiet: prices firmer. Jan., 29≵c.; May, 3175c. Oats-Market quist; prices steady.

May, 24 1/4 c.

Eggs-Market quiet and weaker. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 19@ 21c.; ice house. 15@16c.; western, fresh, 18@19c.; limed, 12}2@14; south-

ern, 18@18}/c. Pork-Market steady; trade easy. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, \$9.00@10.50; mess, \$5.25@8.75; family,

\$9.25@10.50.

Lard-Steady; moderate demand. Prime western, \$4.05.

Butter-Market quiet: fair demand. Creamery westerr extras, 2112c.; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 20@22% &; creamery, western seconds, 17c.; state dairy, half-firkin tabs, fresh factory, 13c.; state dairy, halt-firkin tubs, fall made extras, 19@20c.; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 11@17c.; western factory, firsts to ex-

tras, 8%@11c. Cheese-Market steady. State, full eream, large size, fall made, colored, 10%c.; large, common to choice, part skims, 3%@7%c

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SENSE IN SOCIAL INTERCOURSE.

Charming Little Functions of Foreign Life Asserting Themselves Here-Fashion is mending her ways in the direction of sense and sincerity in lines of social intercourse. The woman who designates upon her visiting card an "at home" day must always, whatever temptation may arise to be elsewhere. be tastefully gowned and ready to receive her friends at the appointed time. The hostess who does not restrict the visits of acquaintances to any day may still retain their good will and her own self-respect. She is no longer "not at home," but more truthfully "regrets that she is engaged," by this message protecting her own conscience and that of her servant as well. The well-bred visitor will accept this graciously, knowing from experience how impossible it often proves under existing circumstances to set aside pressing duties for the chance caller. Formal visiting is now limited to afternoon hours, as less liable to conflict with necessary appointments of daily life. The latchstring of hospitality still remains out for close friends, who drop in at all times, according to impulse and con-

A fine line of courtesy leads the visit-

venience.

or not to offer her card to the servant, but to inquire if Mrs. Blank is receiving. If answered in the affirmative, asks if she will see Mrs. S--. If in the negative, then the card is left in evidence of the call. Cards are in a measure falling into disuse, the English method of announcing guests being very generally accepted in the best circles of society-a pasteboard only left when the lady is out or not receiving. At social functions, aside from the dinner of ceremony, guests are not expected to take leave of the host and hostess when departing, a card left on the hall table covering this point of civility. This method is the outcome of afternoon teas and evening receptions, at which people come and go constantly between the hours prescribed by invitation, keeping the hostess occupied in receiving from first to last. These affairs afford opportunity to entertain twice the number of guests without the discomfort of a crowd when the service in the dining-room is continuous. Perfect independence is granted each hostess in the matter of menu and decorations, light refreshments and a few cut flowers now regarded as true hospitality in the same degree as the more elaborate efforts of the florist and caterer. The woman who "cannot afford to entertain" at the present day is hindered by pride and ignorance of society's ways rather than a light pocketbook. We have much to thank our sisters across the water for in this matter, so surely but certainly are the charming little functions of foreign life asserting themselves in this country .- Table Talk.

JIM WAS UNGRATEFUL

Sheriff Had Grown Tired of Giving Him Too Much Freedom.

I was sitting with the sheriff in front of the town courthouse, when he sudlenly stood up, shaded his eyes with his hand and looked across the street and then called out:

"Heah, yo'! Is that yo', Jim?" A colored man, about 50 years old,

who was slouching along the other side, came across the street and replied: "Yes, Mars Renfog, dis,am,me."

"And what ar' yo' doing heah?" "I'ze jist walkin' out, sah. 1 dun hought I'd drap down and see my dar-

"How did you get out?" "Jist made a hole through the back call, sah.'

"Look-a-heah, Jim," said the sheriff, is he sat down and picked up a stick to whittle on. "I ain't gwine to stand his fussin' no mo'. This is nigh about seven times you's broke out o' jail."

"Yes, sah, nigh bout seben times,

sah, but don't be hard on me." "You's got out by the doah, the winlows, the floor, the ceiling and the walls, and you's put me to trouble and the county to expense. Now, yo an't go back thar' no mo'."

"Please, sah!" "No, sah, yo' can't do it. I've given o' a fair show and yo' can't expect no mo'. Yo' can jist take yourself off."

"but, Mars Renfog, Tze dun biu put n Jail on a hog case, an' lze got to stay lar till de cotehouse meets! profeste l he man.

"I know you were airested and exmined and found over and all that, but I'm tred of the fussing. I ant oing to stand by and let nobody dainage the jail. Yo's got out and come ack and now I won't abide it no mo. dist take yo'self off and don't come back to my jail again unless you want to be hard used. If I find yo' breakin' in I'll shoot yo' shore's yo' bo'n.'

"Won't yo' try me jist once mo'?" pleaded the prisoner.

"No, sah! Eve drawed the line and now yo's has got to go and take keer of yo'self. I'm tellin' yo' to scatter befo' I make yo' turn in and stop up that last hole in the wall."

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In Pursuance of an order of the Surioga's of the county of Orauge, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Hiram Selleck, late of the against the estate of Hiram Selleck, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, decensed, that city of Middletown, in said county, decensed, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vonchers thereof, to the subscriber, the nuministrairix of all and singular, the goods, administrairix of all and singular, the goods, chattels and credits of said decensed, at the office chattels and credits of said decensed, at the office of the leeker, No. 16 E 1st Main street, in the office II, leeker, No. 16 E 1st Main street, in the city of Middletown, county of Orange and State city of Middletown, county of Orange and State of New York, on or before the first day of July 1984.

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THE Prople of the State of New York—To all persons interested in the estate of William 9 William, assigned to William B. Royce, for the beneat of creditors, send greeting. You and sach of you are bereby cited and required personally to be and appear at a Special Term of the County Court, for the county of Orange State of New York, to be holden at the Court House, in the village of Gossen, Orange County, New York, on the twenty sixth day of January, New York, on the twenty sixth day of January, New York, on the twenty sixth day of January, New York, on the twenty sixth day of January, New York, and the twenty sixth day of January, New York, and the twenty sixth day of January, New York, and the twenty sixth day of January to show cause why a final settlement of the Assigner's notice of the Assigner's account.

In testimony, where of I have belounto caused the seal of the said County Court of the county of Orange State of New 1 York, to be her unto affixed. Witness Hon, John J Beattie, County Judge of Said county, this 2d day of November, testi

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THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 1896.

The oddest wedding on record is reported from Round House, Ky., where William Sexton, 103 years old, was married to Mrs. Croft, aged 102, in a log cabin, which the bridegroom helped to build ninety years ago. A thousand relatives and friends gathered on the festive occasion and the happy pair rode to their home in a carriage eighty-three years old. The bride and bridegroom have known each other from childhood and marriage was suggested by their relatives.

Cheaper coffee is likely to be the result of the war the sugar trust has declared against the Arbuckles because they proposed to combine sugar refining with coffee roasting. The Arbuckles have made millions out of their business and the Woolson company, their chief rival, in which the Havemeyers have recently bought a controlling interest, paid last year a dividend of 125 per cent, and the stock was sold at \$1,150 a share, the par value being \$100. These figures would seem to indicate that there is big money in coffee roasting and that the rival concerns can cut prices recklessly and ruthlessly and still leave a big margin for profit.

-Senator Allen has been studying the returns of the election and finds the figures of the vote in certain states so astonishing and so at variance with the figures of the census that he has moved for the appointment of a committee of investigation. What especially staggers Mr. Alten is the fact that in the four states of California, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, which Cleveland carried in 1892, Bryan received 160,326 more votes than Cleveland, but McKinley's electors were chosen by over 200,000 majority. The increase in the total vote was over 600.-000. In the states carried by Bryan the increase in the total vote is insignificant. Senator Allen does not specifically charge fraud. He does say, however, that the census figures show no increase in population at all commensurate with the increase of vote and he wants to know whether the census figures are worthicss or whether the returns of the election were manipulated that "the national honor might be preserved."

HYMENEAL. Herrick-Odell.

Frederick Cogdill Herrick and Miss Virginia Cecilia Odell were united in marriage at 3 o'clock, this afternoon. The ceremony, which was with a ring, was performed by Rev. Dr. Robinson, at the parsonage of the First Congregational

Only three friends were present: R. Vrederberg, a business associate of the groom Fig. Wengenroth, who acted as best man, and Miss Emma Fortheffer, the bridesmaid.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of green velvet, trimmed with cream satin and chiffon. She carried a bouquer or yellow roses. The bridesmaid's dress was brown cheviot, with silk and ribbon trimmings. She carried pink roses.

After the ceremony the wedding party was driven to Rowley's, where an elegant wedding duner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Herrick will leave town for New York on Eric fram 2, at 5:07 o'clock. They will attend at the Academy of Music to-night, a d will stop at the Hotel Vanderbit. They will visit some New York and Brooklyn friends to-morrow, and return home Saturday Mr. Herrick's businessengagements making his return necessary. They will reside in apoins which the groom has nicely turnished in the Neuring block.

Mr. Herrick is one of the Assistant Snperintendents of the Metropolit in Insucarce Co., having recently been promoted to that position as a reward for his mdustry and fid dity. He was at one time a newsboy on the Anats, and we naturally red an interest in his business success and his matrimonial venture, and wish dum prosperity and Imppiness.

The bride is an estimable young lady, who has carried on the dressmaking business in this city for some time. Mr Herrick is to be congratulated on securing one so worthy to be his wife.

Very Sudden Death.

Mrs. Mary Eliza, widow of the late Theo. Dusenberry, dropped dead, this afternoon, while washing dishes at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Green, or Hoffman street, with whom she lived She was fitty-seven years old. He art disease is supposed to have been the cause of death.

Watch Meeting at the Baptist Church.

Watch meeting to-night, at First Baptist Church. Service will begin at 8 o'clock. The first part will continue until 9 30 followed by half hour intermission. Watch meeting from 10 o'clock until New Year - Come and welcome,

Safe of the Bell House.

Barney Perry, proprietor of the Bell House, has sold the business, stock and fixtures of the hotel to Theodore Doremus, taking in exchange a house and lot on Mills avenue. Mr. Dotemus will take possession of he hotel to morrow

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GEN. MCLEWEE REMOVED.

Criticisms of His Superiors in His Report Rring Down Vengeance on His Head.

BY UNITED PRESS.

ALBANY, Dec. 31 .- Governor Morton has removed from office Inspector General McLewee and appointed Captain Hoffman, of Elmira, in his place. Hoffman is to be Gov. Black's Inspector General McLewee's removal is due to charges made against his superior officers in his report, which was published, this morn-

HAS MIDDLETOWN A GHOST?

Strange Manifestations Vouched for on the Best Authority Which Cannot Be Explained by Natural Causes.

Middletown has a real ghost storyone of the kind that cannot be explained by any of the theories usually adopted to account for what would otherwise appear to be of the supernatural order. The central figure in this story is a young lady residing in this city. She doesn't believe in ghosts, but neither she nor any of her friends can account for the strange goings on that at one time annoyed her, but which have now become deeply interesting by reason of their mysterious nature.

The ghost made its presence known for the first time, Saturday night, Nov. 14, at 11:45 o'clock, when the young lady was undressing to retire. She heard a peculiar noise, which she thought was on the veraudah upon which two of the windows of her room open. She listened for a moment and heard

the noise a second time. stood five minutes with palpitating heart and nerves at highest tension and then she heard a noise as of footsteps in the distance, which grew nearer and nearer and finally she noticed the window shade moving and tapping against the window frame which apparently caused the noise she had heard.

She called another lady in the house and she too heard the noise, saw the curtain move and became frightened. A male member of the household laughed at their tear and said the wind caused the shade to move. But after he had closed the window, the mysterious rapping and movement of the curtain began again and he was as much mystified as the ladies. The noise lasted about an hour and then stopped

The next Saturday night the same sounds were heard and the lady was surprised to find the curtain of the second window going through the same movements as the other.

The following Saturday night the curtam of the third window did the mysterious tapping. The lady expected the fourth window of the room to become the scene of operations on the next Saturday night. This time, however, the ghost came earlier than usual, for the was awakened at 4 o'clock on Saturday morning by the sound that had become so familiar. It was louder than ever before, and she got up and began examining the windows, and to her astonishment found the shade of the fourth window performing as had the

The fifth Saturday was skipped, but the ghost came to the first window on the following Wednesday night: the next Saturday it came to the fourth window again at 7 o'clock in the evening and on Sunday evening to the same window at 6:30 o'clock; the next Tuesday evening to the first window and on Thursday of last week it came to the third window and then took a holiday vacation.

A peculiar feature of these manifestations is that the curtain moves always on the left edge, about the middle, and not more than six inches of length can by seen to move, yet it makes a noise that can be heard a considerable distance. It begins sortly, mercuses gradually and then dies away, always lasts about an hour and sounds exactly like footsteps coming or going away.

All who have tried to imptate the movements of the surfams or produce the noise fail to do so as in trying to produce the tapping sound with the hand the whole curtain moves.

On each of the occasions of the ghost's visits other members of the household have been summoned, and, all will verify the young lady's story.

Going Out of Business.

Mr. Marseilles, of Passaic, owner of the Eclipse Novelty Store at 34 North street, was in town, to-day, and anno meed his intention of discontinuing business here, the store not having yielded a profit.

Ontario's Eighth Annual Ball.

Outano Hose Company will hold its eighth annual ball at the Assembly Rooms, this evening. Tickets admitting lady and gentlemen are one dollar.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morriston, of Worthington, Ind., "Sun." writes: "You have a valu while prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheer ally recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tome it has no equal." Mrs. Anne Stelle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not est nor dige-t food, had a backache which never left ber and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00, Get a Bottle at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store,

Pass the good word along the line. Piles can be quickly cured without an operat on by simply applying DeWitt's Witch Hard Salve. W. D. Oiney.

SEWER ASSESSMENTS CONFIRMED One Protest Against the Sprague Avenue

The Common Council had a quorum at the third attempt, last night, those present being President Dorrance and Aldermen Abrams, Close, Funnell, Hirst and Reed. The meeting was for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the assessments on certain sewers.

The only person with a grievance was M. Chauncey West, who owns a lot on Sprague avenue, and claims that he was assessed \$30 on account of the Draper brook sewer a few years ago, and was compelled by the city to connect with that sewer at great expense, as he had to run through his lot from front to rear to make connection. He protested at the time, claiming that a lateral sewer would soon be built on Sprague avenue, and he would by assessed for that, but was assured he would not be. He finds, however, that he is assessed \$10, making bis total assessment for a fifty-foot lot \$40. Other properties on the same street paid nothing for the Draper brook sewer, and were now assessed less than \$25 on account of the Sprague avenue sewer. He thought it hardly fair that he should pay \$15 more than owners of lots of the same size receiving the same benefit.

Mr. West's protest availed nothing, for on Mr. Reed's motion the assessments on account of the Sprague avenue sewer and its branches as filed by the Assessors were confirmed by a unanimous vote.

On Mr. Reed's motion, the assessments on account of the East Main streetsewer were confirmed.

On Mr. Hirst's motion, the assessments on account of the Wilkes avenue sewer were confirmed.

THE RECORDER'S TERM OF OFFICE Does Not Expire Till Next Spring-The

Election Act Amended. The Argus, last night, stated that Re-

corder-elect Barnes would enter upon his duties to-morrow. This, it seems, is a mistake, for which the Argus is not to

The city election bill, as it was approved by the Common Council and Mayor (against the expressed wishes of the people), contained this section:

"Sec. 9 .- All the city officers elected as hereinbefore provided, except Justices of the Peace and Recorder, shall enter upon their respective offices on the first Tuesday in March succeeding the annual elec-

Mr. Barnes since his election has been at some trouble to find out just when he should enter upon his duties, and we are informed learned at Albany that before the final passage of the election bill by the Legislature an amendment was tacked on by some one-by whom nohody seems to know-which provides that the Recorder shall take office at the same time as other city officers.

Wonder if the people now know all of the tricks that were practiced in the conception, preparation and enactment of the city election law?

An Electric Road Through the Fruit District.

The new owners of the New Paltz and Highland electric road tranchise are seriously considering the extension of the road to Roseton and perhaps from that point to Newburgh. The object is to reach the buit growing districts from which it is expected large treight ship ments will be secured.

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